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General Notices

Range Extension

for *Columbella sonsonatensis* Mörch, 1860

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ON DECEMBER 27, 1970, I found two specimens of *Columbella sonsonatensis* Mörch, 1860 in some coralline algae attached to rocks at Saladita Cove, Sonora, Mexico. In KEEN, 1958, this species is reported as *Pyrene lucasana* (Dall, 1916) with a range of "the southern part of the Gulf of California to Panama;" in KEEN 1966 (p. 25) this name is shown to be a synonym of the earlier taxon by Mörch. The specimens were submitted to Dr. George E. Radwin of the San Diego Museum of Natural History, who kindly confirmed the identification.

The record of the specimens from Saladita Cove (near Guaymas) thus extends the known range of the species northward to Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico.

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